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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HONORARY GAMBIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR "ROOTS"
AUTHOR ALEX HALEY.

REFERENCE: BANJUL 0284

1. DINNER HONORING "ROOTS" AUTHOR ALEX HALEY CONFIRMED
FOR MARCH 4 BUT AT HILTON NOT REPEAT NOT AT LINCOLN
CENTER.

2. THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO EMBASSY'S QUESTION REGARDING
EFFECT OF PROPOSED HONORARY GAMBIAN CITIZENSHIP ON U.S.
NATIONALITY OF ALEX HALEY HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH
AF/W, MR. KILLION.

3. DEPARTMENT RESOURCES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE
DEFINITIVE LAW OR REGULATION OF THE GAMBIA RELATING
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TO EITHER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GAMBIA
TO ISSUE DECREE OF HONORARY CITIZENSHIP OR A SPECIFIC
DEFINITION OF THE RIGHTS, DUTIES OR OBLIGATIONS OF THE
PERSON WHO IS BESTOWED HONORARY CITIZENSHIP OF THE GAMBIA.

4. DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER LIMITED BY
ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, SHOULD ALEX HALEY BE

EXTENDED HONORARY GAMBIAN CITIZENSHIP HE WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP UNDER SECTIONS 349(A) (1) AND 349(A)(2) OF IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1952 PROVIDED (1) THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT HE FILE APPLICATION OR PETITION THEREFOR, (2) THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT HE TAKE ANY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO SECURE SUCH HONORARY CITIZENSHIP, AND (3) HE IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE OR EXECUTE ANY OATH, AFFIRMATION OR DECLARATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE GAMBIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE BESTOWAL OF HONORARY CITIZENSHIP.

5. SINCE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MR. HALEY WILL RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE CONTAINING GRANT OF HONORARY GAMBIAN CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 351(A) OF THE ACT ARE APPLICABLE. THUS, SHOULD IT BE DETERMINED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF HONORARY GAMBIAN CITIZENSHIP JEOPARDIZES MR. HALEY'S UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP UNDER ANY PROVISION OF UNITED STATES LAW, HE WOULD NOT EXPATRIATE HIMSELF UNLESS AND UNTIL HE TOOK UP A RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND ITS OUTLYING POSSESSIONS.

6. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GAMBIA FULLY EXPLAINING PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO DECREE HONORARY CITIZENSHIP AND ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE RIGHTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE RECIPIENT OF HONORARY CITIZENSHIP OF THE GAMBIA.

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